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## TITLE OF INVENTION

METHOD FOR IMPLICITLY PROJECTING COMMUNICATIONS LINKS

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

The following preliminary amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

**IN THE ABSTRACT**

Please replace the Abstract with the attached revised Abstract.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Please replace the original specification with the Substitute Specification attached hereto.

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please replace the original claims with the following new claims:

1. (Amended) A method for projecting communications relationships within automation solutions comprising:

creating an automation solution using an engineering system by using automation objects;

connecting an output of an automation object to an input of an another automation object, an interconnection for a data source administering a reference to the corresponding output of an automation module, and an interconnection for a data sink administering a reference to the corresponding input of an automation module; and

assigning, after creating an automation solution, the automation objects to physical equipment units of a system, wherein interconnections represent intra-equipment unit communications relationships and wherein communications relationships within an equipment unit is only determined as a result of the assigning.

2. (Amended) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the interconnections are assignable with a quality of service wherein specific properties, which are to be fulfilled, are definable for the communications relationships.

3. (Amended) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein a projected automated solution is downloaded into the system, the download being carried out for each equipment-unit representative in the projection environment, and wherein each equipment-unit representative is able to communicate with the physical equipment unit in the system via a communications link.

4. (Amended) The method as claimed in claim 3, wherein, in a first step of the download, corresponding run time automation objects in the physical equipment unit are generated for each equipment-unit representative for assigned automation objects, and wherein the communications links described by the interconnections are established in a second step.

5. (Amended) The method as claimed in claim 3, wherein the interconnections are enhanced with information relating to the system, addressing of the source and sink of a communications relationship being expanded with identifiers

- of the physical equipment unit,
- of the run time automation objects and
- of the inputs and outputs of the run time automation objects.

6. (Amended) The method as claimed in claim 3, wherein each equipment-unit representative communicates to its physical counterpart via the enhanced interconnections of its automation objects and wherein each equipment unit establishes its internal and external communications relationships on the basis of the interconnection information.

7. (Amended) The method as claimed in claim 3, wherein each equipment unit establishes only the communications relationships in which it functions as a source.

8. (Amended) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein setting up of an interconnection does not cause any changes in the automation objects.

9. (Amended) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the equipment-unit representatives in the projection environment satisfy a uniform equipment unit model and form an abstraction of the real equipment units.

**Please add the following new claims:**

-- 10. The method as claimed in claim 2, wherein a projected automated solution is downloaded into the system, the download being carried out for each equipment-unit representative in the projection environment, and wherein each equipment-unit representative is able to communicate with the physical equipment unit in the system via a communications link.

11. The method as claimed in claim 4, wherein the interconnections are enhanced with information relating to the system, addressing of the source and sink of a communications relationship being expanded with identifiers

- of the physical equipment unit,
- of the run time automation objects and
- of the inputs and outputs of the run time automation objects.

12. The method as claimed in claim 10, wherein the interconnections are enhanced with information relating to the system, addressing of the source and sink of a communications relationship being expanded with identifiers

- of the physical equipment unit,
- of the run time automation objects and
- of the inputs and outputs of the run time automation objects.

13. The method as claimed in claim 10, wherein each equipment-unit representative communicates to its physical counterpart via the enhanced interconnections of its automation objects and wherein each equipment unit establishes its internal and external communications relationships on the basis of the interconnection information.

14. The method as claimed in claim 4, wherein each equipment-unit representative communicates to its physical counterpart via the enhanced interconnections of its automation objects and wherein each equipment unit establishes its internal and external communications relationships on the basis of the interconnection information.

15. The method as claimed in claim 5, wherein each equipment-unit representative communicates to its physical counterpart via the enhanced interconnections of its automation objects and wherein each equipment unit establishes its internal and external communications relationships on the basis of the interconnection information.

16. The method as claimed in claim 12, wherein each equipment-unit representative communicates to its physical counterpart via the enhanced interconnections of its automation objects and wherein each equipment unit establishes its internal and external communications relationships on the basis of the interconnection information.

17. The method as claimed in claim 3, wherein each equipment unit establishes only the communications relationships in which it functions as a sink.

18. The method as claimed in claim 4, wherein each equipment unit establishes only the communications relationships in which it functions as a source.

19. The method as claimed in claim 4, wherein each equipment unit establishes only the communications relationships in which it functions as a sink.

20. The method as claimed in claim 5, wherein each equipment unit establishes only the communications relationships in which it functions as a source. --

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-20 are now present in this application, with new claims 10-20 being added by the present Preliminary Amendment. It should be noted that the amendments to original claims 1-10 of the present application are non-narrowing amendments, made solely to place the claims in proper form for U.S. practice and not to overcome any prior art or for any other statutory considerations. For example, amendments have been made to broaden the claims; to remove reference numerals in the claims; remove the European phrase "characterized in that"; remove multiple dependencies in the claims; and to place claims in a more recognizable U.S. form, including the use of the transitional phrase "comprising" as well as the phrase "wherein". Other such non-narrowing amendments include reorganizing method claims (separate clauses beginning with "-ing" verbs) in a more recognizable U.S. form. Again, all amendments are non-narrowing and have been made solely to place the claims in proper form for U.S. practice and not to overcome any prior art or for any other statutory considerations.

**SUBSTITUTE SPECIFICATION**

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.125, a substitute specification has been included in lieu of substitute paragraphs in connection with the present Preliminary Amendment. The substitute specification is submitted in clean form, attached hereto, and is accompanied by a marked-up version showing the changes made to the original specification. The changes have been made in an effort to place the specification in better form for U.S. practice. No new matter has been added by these changes to the specification. Further, the substitute specification includes



paragraph numbers to facilitate amendment practice as requested by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

**CONCLUSION**

Accordingly, in view of the above amendments and remarks, an early indication of the allowability of each of claims 1-20 in connection with the present application is earnestly solicited.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Donald J. Daley at the telephone number of the undersigned below.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

A method provides for implicitly projecting communications links. The projection of the communications links is carried out by interconnecting the automation objects, and setting the quality of service (QoS) of the communications relationships. Thereafter, the automation objects are assigned to equipment units. Finally, the automation solution is downloaded into the system.

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## Description

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Method for implicitly projecting communications links

- FIELD OF THE INVENTION*
- 5 The invention relates to a method for implicitly projecting communications links.

*BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION*

Such a method is used in particular in the field of automation technology. An automation solution is generally composed of a multiplicity of individual automation objects which frequently have a high degree of dependency of the automation object on the respectively used engineering system. The result of this is that automation objects of a manufacturer frequently require a specific engineering system and cannot be used in other systems with automation objects of other manufacturers.

*THE SPECIALIST ARTICLES*

The specialist articles Zinky, J. A. et al: "Architectural Support for Quality of Service for CORBA Objects", Theory and Practice of Object Systems, (Online) Vol. 3, No. 1, 1997, pages 55-73, XP000961779, Wiley, USA, ISSN: 1074-3227 describes a system architecture (Quality of Service) for CORBA objects.

25 The described architecture was developed in particular with the objective of simplifying the implementation of and use of objects distributed in a long-distance traffic network.

*SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION*

30 The invention is based on the object of permitting communications links to be projected within automation solutions, in particular without restriction to boundaries between equipment units.

*and/or other objects are*

35 This object is achieved by means of a method having the features disclosed in claim 1.

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- The invention is based on the knowledge that previous solutions have a series of disadvantages. The automation objects used in creating the automation solution have inputs and outputs via which they can
- 5 communicate with other automation objects. These inputs and outputs are used to determine, at the projection time, which communication has to take place at the run time of the automation solution.
- 10 In existing projection systems, the projection of the communication takes place per equipment unit. Within one equipment unit, communication relationships between the automation

objects of the equipment unit are established by what is referred to as interconnections. An interconnection connects an output of an automation object to an input of an automation object in the engineering process and thus determines the communication which takes place at the run time. If communication between equipment units is necessary, it must be projected by means of special communication modules.

This solution has the following disadvantages:

- 10 • **explicit projection of the communication:** communication between equipment units must be explicitly projected. To do this, suitable communication modules must be selected. These must then be appropriately parameterized and  
15 interconnected with the actual automation objects.
- **determination of the equipment units before the automation solution is created:** before the development of the automation solution can be started, it is firstly necessary to determine which equipment units  
20 will later run the projected solution. Only then can the development of the solution be started, in each case on one equipment unit.
- **costly change to the assignment of equipment units:** if an equipment unit is selected, the automation  
25 objects which are projected onto it cannot be readily transferred to another equipment unit.
- **determination of the communication protocols:** the use of specific communications modules automatically imposes a restriction to the specific communication  
30 protocols.

In the solution according to the invention, the automation solution in the engineering process is composed successively by the use of automation objects.

- 35 The automation objects are a number of modules which have a specific functionality. The automation objects have inputs and outputs which can be used to predetermine values for the calculations or the result of the calculations can be picked up.

The automation solution is actually created by interconnecting the corresponding inputs and outputs of the automation objects. These interconnections then determine the communication which takes place on the system during the run time. The communication can have any desired content. It can comprise, for example, data or events. In the following image, the indications between the inputs and outputs of the automation objects A01, A02, A03 and A04 are represented by lines.

An interconnection is an independent object which unambiguously determines a communication relationship between two automation objects. To do this, a reference to the corresponding output of an automation module is administered for the data source, and a reference to the corresponding input of an automation module is administered for the data sink. The interconnection objects are also independent of the automation objects, which is manifest in the fact that the setting up of an interconnection does not bring about any changes in the interconnected automation objects.

Because the automation objects in this step are independent of equipment units, the distinction between communication which is internal to an equipment unit and intra-equipment unit communication is eliminated here.

#### *BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS*

The invention is described and explained in more detail below with reference to the exemplary embodiments illustrated in the figures, in which

Figure 1 shows a basic diagram of a projection by means of interconnections,

Figure 2 shows a schematic diagram of a projection of what is referred to as "Quality of Service (QoS)",

Figure 3 shows an exemplary embodiment of an assignment of automation objects to equipment units, and

Figure 4 shows an exemplary diagram of the downloading of an automation solution into an automation system.

#### *DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS*

Figure 1 shows a basic diagram of a projection by means of interconnections. In the engineering process, the automation solution is composed successively by using automation objects. The automation objects are a type of module which have a specific functionality. The automation objects have inputs and outputs which can be used to predefine values for the calculations and/or to pick up the result of the calculations.

The actual creation of the automation solution is carried out by interconnecting the corresponding inputs and outputs of the automation objects. These interconnections then determine the communication which takes place for the run time on the system. The communication can have any desired content. It can comprise, for example, data or events. In the following image, the interconnections between the inputs and outputs of the automation objects A01, A02, A03 and A04 are represented by lines.

An interconnection is an independent object which unambiguously defines a communication relationship between two automation objects. To do this, the reference to the corresponding output of an automation module is administered for the data source, and a reference to the corresponding input of an automation module is administered for the data sink. The interconnection objects are also independent of the automation objects, which is manifest in the fact that the setting up of an interconnection does not result in any changes in the interconnected automation objects. Because the automation objects in this step are independent of equipment units, the distinction between communication which is internal to an equipment unit

and intra-equipment unit communication is eliminated here.



Figure 2 shows a schematic diagram of a projection of what is referred to as "Quality of Service (QoS)". The quality of service of the communications relationship can be additionally set for the established  
5 interconnections. One example is the setting of the cycle time with which changes are checked at the data source. If the cycle time is relatively long, this means that relatively little communication takes place between the automation objects. For this reason,  
10 distribution among various equipment units is rather uncritical because the generated network load is low.

A cycle time of 20 milliseconds is set for the interconnection between automation objects AO2 and AO3  
15 in Figure 2.

Figure 3 shows an exemplary embodiment of an assignment of the automation objects to equipment units. After the automation solution has been created, the automation  
20 objects are assigned to equipment units. The equipment units are representatives of real equipment units of the system (such as memory-programmable controllers or drives) in the projection environment. The projection of the equipment units and of the associated networks  
25 is carried out separately. The representatives of the equipment units in the projection environment satisfy here a uniform equipment unit model and thus form an abstraction of the real equipment units.

30 For each automation object, it is then determined which equipment unit the automation object will later be executed on in the system. In a graphic editor, this can be implemented by means of drag and drop, for example. Which interconnections represent intra-  
35 equipment unit communication and which represent communication which is internal to an equipment unit, is only determined as a result of the assignment. In Figure 3, the result of the assignment of the automation objects AO1 and AO2 to G1 and AO3 and AO4 to

G2 is that the communication between A01 and A02 and also between A03 and A04 is internal to an equipment unit, while the

communication between AO1 and AO3 and as well as between AO2 and AO4 is intra-equipment unit communication.

- 5 In an effective implementation of the assignment, the data of the equipment units (and networks) and of the respective predefined quality of services can be used in order to carry out a first plausibility check of the respective real-time requirements made of the  
10 automation solution.

Figure 4 shows an exemplary diagram of the downloading of an automation solution into an automation system. The automation solution which has so far been projected  
15 is downloaded into the real system in the last step. This procedure is designated as a download. The download is initiated from the projection environment and is carried out for each equipment unit, to be more precise the representatives of the equipment unit, in  
20 the production environment. Each equipment-unit representative knows its real counterpart in the system and can communicate with it via the communication link of the projection environment to the system. In the first step, the automation objects assigned to each  
25 equipment-unit representative are generated for ~~said~~ <sup>the</sup> representatives ~~thence~~ the corresponding counterparts in the physical equipment unit. In the case of a freely programmable equipment unit, this means that a corresponding piece of code is downloaded into the  
30 equipment unit. For an equipment unit with a fixed functionality, the corresponding run time counterpart of the automation object in the physical equipment unit is identified. In the second step, the communications relationships described by the interconnections are  
35 established. Here, the addressing of the source and sink of a communications relationship is expanded with corresponding identifiers of the inputs and outputs of the run time automation objects. Such an identifier is composed of the identifiers of the physical equipment

unit, of the run time automation object and of the input and output. A common equipment unit model of the run time environment is necessary for this. Each equipment unit representative then communicates to its  
5 physical counterpart the enhanced interconnections

of its automation objects. On the basis of the interconnection information, each equipment unit then establishes its internal and external communications relationships. The enhanced information of the interconnections is used to do this. In an efficient implementation, use can be made of the fact that each equipment unit has to establish only the communications relationships in which it functions as a source (or alternatively as a sink).

In our example, the automation objects A01 and A02 are established on the equipment unit physical RG1 as run time automation objects RAO1 and RAO2 and A03 and A04 on the equipment unit RG2 as RAO3 and RAO4. The interconnection information is then enhanced, as described, with corresponding information on the run time environment. For the communications relationship between A01 and A03, this information comprises the identifiers of RG1, RAO1, of the output of RAO1 for the source and RG2, RAO3, and the input of RAO3 for the sink. This information can then be used to set up the corresponding communications relationship between RAO1 on the equipment unit RG1 and RAO3 on the equipment unit RG2.

The development of the automation functionality is dissociated from the automation equipment units to be used. As a result, a distinction is no longer made between the projection of communication between automation objects within an equipment unit and projection onto different equipment units. In the case of intra-equipment unit communication, it is necessary to ensure here that the real-time requirements of the application are complied with. Communications relationships between automation objects are projected uniformly by means of interconnections. The interconnections can be assigned a specific quality of service by means of which specific properties which are to be fulfilled can be determined for the communications relationship. In particular, in the case

of an intra-equipment unit communications relationship,  
the quality of service can be used in order to test  
whether the communications relationship

can be set up (and ensured) by the equipment units in question.

*but is not limited to,*

This approach provides the following advantages:

- 5 • **uniform projection by means of interconnection:** the projection of the communication between automation objects is carried out in a uniform fashion. The case of intra-equipment unit communication no longer has to be handled separately. Furthermore, the  
10 projection can take place independently of the communication content (for example data or events).
- **less outlay on projection:** in the case of intra-equipment unit projection, the use and projection of special communications modules is eliminated.
- 15 • **more flexible assignment of equipment units:** automation objects can now be assigned to an equipment unit at any time, and/or the assignment can easily be changed.
- **ease of change:** the explicit procedure of assigning  
20 automation objects to equipment units simplifies the use of other target systems/bus systems significantly.

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MARKED-UP - VERSION OF THE CLAIMS

Patent claims

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1. A method for projecting communications relationships within automation solutions [in particular without restriction to boundaries between equipment units, in which] <sup>comprising?</sup>

(-), an automation solution [is composed] using an engineering system by using automation objects [A01, A02, A03, A04], <sup>it comprising</sup>

10 [in each case one interconnection connects] an output of an automation object [A01, A02, A03, A04] to an input of an another automation object [A01, A02, A03, A04], <sup>the</sup> interconnection for a data source administering a reference to the corresponding output of an automation module [A01, A02, A03, A04], <sup>an interconnection is administering for a data source</sup> and a reference to the corresponding input of an automation module [A01, A02, A03, A04] for a data sink, and

<sup>of assigning</sup> after the creation of the automation solution, the automation objects [A01, A02, A03, A04] are assigned to physical equipment units [RG1, RG2] of a [real] system, [and which] <sup>where</sup> interconnections represent intra-equipment unit communications relationships and [which represent] <sup>where</sup> communications relationships within an equipment unit is only determined as a result of the [assignment]. <sup>assignment</sup>

2. The method as claimed in claim 1, <sup>one assignable unit</sup> characterized in that <sup>wherein</sup> the interconnections [can be assigned] a quality of service [by means of which] <sup>where</sup> specific properties, which are to be fulfilled, can be defined <sup>one assignable unit</sup> for the communications relationships.

3. The method as claimed in claim 1 [or 2], <sup>wherein</sup> characterized in that the projected automated solution is downloaded [by means of a download] into the [real] system [by means of a download] the download being



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carried out for each equipment-unit representative (G1,  
G2) in the projection environment, and <sup>each</sup> each

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equipment-unit representative (G1, G2) being able to communicate with the physical equipment unit (RG1, RG2) in the system via a communications link.

5 4. The method as claimed in claim 3,  
wherein, in the first step of the download, the  
corresponding run time automation objects (RAO1, RAO2,  
RAO3, RAO4) in the physical equipment unit (RG1, RG2)  
are generated for each equipment-unit representative  
10 (G1, G2) for the automation objects (AO1, AO2, AO3,  
AO4) which are assigned to it, and the communications  
links described by the interconnections are established  
in the second step.

15 5. The method as claimed in claim 3 or 4,  
(characterized in that) the interconnections are enhanced  
with information relating to the real system,  
addressing of the source and sink of a communications  
relationship being expanded with identifiers  
20 - of the physical equipment unit (RG1, RG2),  
- of the run time automation objects (RAO1, RAO2,  
RAO3, RAO4) and  
- of the inputs and outputs of the run time automation  
objects (RAO1, RAO2, RAO3, RAO4).

25 6. The method as claimed in one of claims 3 to 5,  
(characterized in that) each equipment-unit  
representative (G1, G2) communicates to its physical  
counterpart (RG1, RG2) the enhanced interconnections of  
30 its automation objects (AO1, AO2, AO3, AO4) and each  
equipment unit (RG1, RG2) establishes its internal and  
external communications relationships on the basis of  
the interconnection information.

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7. The method as claimed in <sup>claim</sup> one of claims 3 to 6,  
characterized in that <sup>idea</sup> each equipment unit (G1, G2)  
establishes only the communications relationships in  
which it functions as a source [or alternatively as a  
5 sink].

8. The method as claimed in <sup>claim 1</sup> one of the preceding  
claims,  
characterized in that the <sup>vision</sup> setting up of an  
10 interconnection does not cause any changes in the  
automation objects (AO1, AO2, AO3, AO4).

9. The method as claimed in <sup>claim 1</sup> one of the preceding  
claims,  
15 characterized in that <sup>wherein</sup> the equipment-unit  
representatives (G1, G2) in the projection environment  
satisfy a uniform equipment unit model and form an  
abstraction of the real equipment units (RG1, RG2).

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15. same as 6, but dep on 5
16. same as 6, but dep on 12
17. same as 7, but change "source" to -- sink --
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19. same as 17, but dep on 4
20. same as 17, but dep on 5

## Method for implicitly projecting communications links

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- setting the quality of service (QoS) of the communications relationships.

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- setting the quality of service (QoS) of the communications relationships.
- ~~assigning~~ <sup>are assigned</sup> the automation objects to equipment units. ~~Further,~~
- ~~downloading~~ <sup>is provided</sup> the automation solution into the system.

~~FIG 1~~

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## SUBSTITUTE SPECIFICATION

### METHOD FOR IMPLICITLY PROJECTING COMMUNICATIONS LINKS

[0001] This application is the national phase under 35 U.S.C. § 371 of PCT International Application No. PCT/DE00/00733 which has an International filing date of March 9, 2000, which designated the United States of America, the entire contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference.

#### Field of the Invention

[0002] The invention relates to a method for implicitly projecting communications links.

#### Background of the Invention

[0003] Such a method is used in particular in the field of automation technology. An automation solution is generally composed of a multiplicity of individual automation objects which frequently have a high degree of dependency of the automation object on the respectively used engineering system. The result of this is that automation objects of a manufacturer frequently require a specific engineering system and cannot be used in other systems with automation objects of other manufacturers.

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### SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

[0005] The invention is based on an object of permitting communications links to be projected within automation solutions, in particular without restriction to boundaries between equipment units.

[0006] This and/or other objects are achieved by means of a method having the features disclosed in claim 1.

[0007] The invention is based on the knowledge that previous solutions have a series of disadvantages. The automation objects used in creating the automation solution have inputs and outputs via which they can communicate with other automation objects. These inputs and

outputs are used to determine, at the projection time, which communication has to take place at the run time of the automation solution.

[0008] In existing projection systems, the projection of the communication takes place per equipment unit. Within one equipment unit, communication relationships between the automation solution.

[0009] In existing projection systems, the projection of the communication takes place per equipment unit. Within one equipment unit, communication relationships between the automation objects of the equipment unit are established by what is referred to as interconnections. An interconnection connects an output of an automation object to an input of an automation object in the engineering process and thus determines the communication which takes place at the run time. If communication between equipment units is necessary, it must be projected by means of special communication modules.

[0010] This solution has the following disadvantages:

- **explicit projection of the communication:** communication between equipment units must be explicitly projected. To do this, suitable communication modules must be selected. These must then be appropriately parameterized and interconnected with the actual automation objects.
- **determination of the equipment units before the automation solution is created:** before the development of the automation solution can be started, it is firstly necessary to determine which equipment units will later run the projected solution. Only then can the development of the solution be started, in each case on one equipment unit.
- **costly change to the assignment of equipment units:** if an equipment unit is selected, the automation objects which are projected onto it cannot be readily transferred to another equipment unit.
- **determination of the communication protocols:** the use of specific communications modules automatically imposes a restriction to the specific communication protocols.

[0011] In the solution according to the invention, the automation solution in the engineering process is composed successively by the use of automation objects. The automation objects are a number of modules which have a specific functionality. The automation objects have inputs and outputs which can be used to predetermine values for the calculations or the result of the calculations can be picked up.

[0012] The automation solution is actually created by interconnecting the corresponding inputs and outputs of the automation objects. These interconnections then determine the

communication which takes place on the system during the run time. The communication can have any desired content. It can comprise, for example, data or events. In the following image, the indications between the inputs and outputs of the automation objects AO1, AO2, AO3 and AO4 are represented by lines.

[0013] An interconnection is an independent object which unambiguously determines a communication relationship between two automation objects. To do this, a reference to the corresponding output of an automation module is administered for the data source, and a reference to the corresponding input of an automation module is administered for the data sink. The interconnection objects are also independent of the automation objects, which is manifest in the fact that the setting up of an interconnection does not bring about any changes in the interconnected automation objects.

[0014] Because the automation objects in this step are independent of equipment units, the distinction between communication which is internal to an equipment unit and intra-equipment unit communication is eliminated here.

#### BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

[0015] The invention is described and explained in more detail below with reference to the exemplary embodiments illustrated in the figures, in which

- Figure 1 shows a basic diagram of a projection by means of interconnections,
- Figure 2 shows a schematic diagram of a projection of what is referred to as "Quality of Service (QoS)",
- Figure 3 shows an exemplary embodiment of an assignment of automation objects to equipment units, and
- Figure 4 shows an exemplary diagram of the downloading of an automation solution into an automation system.

#### DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS

[0016] Figure 1 shows a basic diagram of a projection by means of interconnections. In the engineering process, the automation solution is composed successively by using automation objects. The automation objects are a type of module which have a specific functionality. The automation objects have inputs and outputs which can be used to predefine values for the calculations and/or to pick up the result of the calculations.

[0017] The actual creation of the automation solution is carried out by interconnecting the corresponding inputs and outputs of the automation objects. These interconnections then determine the communication which takes place for the run time on the system. The

communication can have any desired content. It can comprise, for example, data or events. In the following image, the interconnections between the inputs and outputs of the automation objects AO1, AO2, AO3 and AO4 are represented by lines.

[0018] An interconnection is an independent object which unambiguously defines a communication relationship between two automation objects. To do this, the reference to the corresponding output of an automation module is administered for the data source, and a reference to the corresponding input of an automation module is administered for the data sink. The interconnection objects are also independent of the automation objects, which is manifest in the fact that the setting up of an interconnection does not result in any changes in the interconnected automation objects. Because the automation objects in this step are independent of equipment units, the distinction between communication which is internal to an equipment unit and intra-equipment unit communication is eliminated here.

[0019] Figure 2 shows a schematic diagram of a projection of what is referred to as "Quality of Service (QoS)". The quality of service of the communications relationship can be additionally set for the established interconnections. One example is the setting of the cycle time with which changes are checked at the data source. If the cycle time is relatively long, this means that relatively little communication takes place between the automation objects. For this reason, distribution among various equipment units is rather uncritical because the generated network load is low.

[0020] A cycle time of 20 milliseconds is set for the interconnection between automation objects AO2 and AO3 in Figure 2.

[0021] Figure 3 shows an exemplary embodiment of an assignment of the automation objects to equipment units. After the automation solution has been created, the automation objects are assigned to equipment units. The equipment units are representatives of real equipment units of the system (such as memory-programmable controllers or drives) in the projection environment. The projection of the equipment units and of the associated networks is carried out separately. The representatives of the equipment units in the projection environment satisfy here a uniform equipment unit model and thus form an abstraction of the real equipment units.

[0022] For each automation, object it is then determined which equipment unit the automation object will later be executed on in the system. In a graphic editor, this can be implemented by means of drag and drop, for example. Which interconnections represent intra-equipment unit communication and which represent communication which is internal to an equipment unit, is only determined as a result of the assignment. In Figure 3, the result of the assignment of the automation objects AO1 and AO2 to G1 and AO3 and AO4 to G2 is



that the communication between AO1 and AO2 and also between AO3 and AO4 is internal to an equipment unit, while the communication between AO1 and AO3 and as well as between AO2 and AO4 is intra-equipment unit communication.

**[0023]** In an effective implementation of the assignment, the data of the equipment units (and networks) and of the respective predefined quality of services can be used in order to carry out a first plausibility check of the respective real-time requirements made of the automation solution.

**[0024]** Figure 4 shows an exemplary diagram of the downloading of an automation solution into an automation system. The automation solution which has so far been projected is downloaded into the real system in the last step. This procedure is designated as a download. The download is initiated from the projection environment and is carried out for each equipment unit, to be more precise the representatives of the equipment unit, in the production environment. Each equipment-unit representative knows its real counterpart in the system and can communicate with it via the communication link of the projection environment to the system.

**[0025]** In the first step, the automation objects assigned to each equipment-unit representative are generated for the representatives of the corresponding counterparts in the physical equipment unit. In the case of a freely programmable equipment unit, this means that a corresponding piece of code is downloaded into the equipment unit. For an equipment unit with a fixed functionality, the corresponding run time counterpart of the automation object in the physical equipment unit is identified.

**[0026]** In the second step, the communications relationships described by the interconnections are established. Here, the addressing of the source and sink of a communications relationship is expanded with corresponding identifiers of the inputs and outputs of the run time automation objects. Such an identifier is composed of the identifiers of the physical equipment unit, of the run time automation object and of the input and output. A common equipment unit model of the run time environment is necessary for this. Each equipment unit representative then communicates to its physical counterpart via the enhanced interconnections of its automation objects.

**[0027]** On the basis of the interconnection information, each equipment unit then establishes its internal and external communications relationships. The enhanced information of the interconnections is used to do this. In an efficient implementation, use can be made of the fact that each equipment unit has to establish only the communications relationships in which it functions as a source (or alternatively as a sink).

[0028] In our example, the automation objects AO1 and AO2 are established on the equipment unit physical RG1 as run time automation objects RAO1 and RAO2 and AO3 and AO4 on the equipment unit RG2 as RAO3 and RAO4. The interconnection information is then enhanced, as described, with corresponding information on the run time environment. For the communications relationship between AO1 and AO3, this information comprises the identifiers of RG1, RAO1, of the output of RAO1 for the source and RG2, RAO3, and the input of RAO3 for the sink. This information can then be used to set up the corresponding communications relationship between RAO1 on the equipment unit RG1 and RAO3 on the equipment unit RG2.

[0029] The development of the automation functionality is dissociated from the automation equipment units to be used. As a result, a distinction is no longer made between the projection of communication between automation objects within an equipment unit and projection onto different equipment units. In the case of intra-equipment unit communication, it is necessary to ensure here that the real-time requirements of the application are complied with.

[0030] Communications relationships between automation objects are projected uniformly by means of interconnections. The interconnections can be assigned a specific quality of service by means of which specific properties which are to be fulfilled can be determined for the communications relationship. In particular, in the case of an intra-equipment unit communications relationship, the quality of service can be used in order to test whether the communications relationship can be set up (and ensured) by the equipment units in question.

[0031] This approach provides, but is not limited to, the following advantages:

- **uniform projection by means of interconnection:** the projection of the communication between automation objects is carried out in a uniform fashion. The case of intra-equipment unit communication no longer has to be handled separately. Furthermore, the projection can take place independently of the communication content (for example data or events).
- **less outlay on projection:** in the case of intra-equipment unit projection, the use and projection of special communications modules is eliminated.
- **more flexible assignment of equipment units:** automation objects can now be assigned to an equipment unit at any time, and/or the assignment can easily be changed.
- **ease of change:** the explicit procedure of assigning automation objects to equipment units simplifies the use of other target systems/bus systems significantly.

[0032] The invention being thus described, it will be obvious that the same may be varied in many ways. Such variations are not to be regarded as a departure from the spirit and scope of the invention, and all such modifications as would be obvious to one skilled in the art are intended to be included within the scope of the following claims.

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## Description

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Method for implicitly projecting communications links

- 5 The invention relates to a method for implicitly projecting communications links.

Such a method is used in particular in the field of automation technology. An automation solution is generally composed of a multiplicity of individual automation objects which frequently have a high degree of dependency of the automation object on the respectively used engineering system. The result of this is that automation objects of a manufacturer frequently require a specific engineering system and cannot be used in other systems with automation objects of other manufacturers.

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30 The invention is based on the object of permitting communications links to be projected within automation solutions in particular without restriction to boundaries between equipment units.

35 This object is achieved by means of a method having the features disclosed in claim 1.

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The invention is based on the knowledge that previous solutions have a series of disadvantages. The automation objects used in creating the automation solution have inputs and outputs via which they can communicate with other automation objects. These inputs and outputs are used to determine, at the projection time, which communication has to take place at the run time of the automation solution.

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objects of the equipment unit are established by what is referred to as interconnections. An interconnection connects an output of an automation object to an input of an automation object in the engineering process and thus determines the communication which takes place at the run time. If communication between equipment units is necessary, it must be projected by means of special communication modules.

This solution has the following disadvantages:

- 10   § **explicit projection of the communication:** communication between equipment units must be explicitly projected. To do this, suitable communication modules must be selected. These must then be appropriately parameterized and
- 15   interconnected with the actual automation objects.
- § **determination of the equipment units before the automation solution is created:** before the development of the automation solution can be started, it is firstly necessary to determine which equipment units
- 20   will later run the projected solution. Only then can the development of the solution be started, in each case on one equipment unit.
- § **costly change to the assignment of equipment units:** if an equipment unit is selected, the automation
- 25   objects which are projected onto it cannot be readily transferred to another equipment unit.
- § **determination of the communication protocols:** the use of specific communications modules automatically imposes a restriction to the specific communication
- 30   protocols.

In the solution according to the invention, the automation solution in the engineering process is composed successively by the use of automation objects.

- 35   The automation objects are a number of modules which have a specific functionality. The automation objects have inputs and outputs which can be used to predetermine values for the calculations or the result of the calculations can be picked up.

The automation solution is actually created by interconnecting the corresponding inputs and outputs of the automation objects. These interconnections then determine the communication which takes place on the system during the run time. The communication can have any desired content. It can comprise, for example, data or events. In the following image, the indications between the inputs and outputs of the automation objects A01, A02, A03 and A04 are represented by lines.

An interconnection is an independent object which unambiguously determines a communication relationship between two automation objects. To do this, a reference to the corresponding output of an automation module is administered for the data source, and a reference to the corresponding input of an automation module is administered for the data sink. The interconnection objects are also independent of the automation objects, which is manifest in the fact that the setting up of an interconnection does not bring about any changes in the interconnected automation objects.

Because the automation objects in this step are independent of equipment units, the distinction between communication which is internal to an equipment unit and intra-equipment unit communication is eliminated here.

The invention is described and explained in more detail below with reference to the exemplary embodiments illustrated in the figures, in which

Figure 1 shows a basic diagram of a projection by means of interconnections,

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Figure 3 shows an exemplary embodiment of an assignment of automation objects to equipment units, and

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The actual creation of the automation solution is carried out by interconnecting the corresponding inputs and outputs of the automation objects. These interconnections then determine the communication which takes place for the run time on the system. The communication can have any desired content. It can comprise, for example, data or events. In the following image, the interconnections between the inputs and outputs of the automation objects AO1, AO2, AO3 and AO4 are represented by lines.

An interconnection is an independent object which unambiguously defines a communication relationship between two automation objects. To do this, the reference to the corresponding output of an automation module is administered for the data source, and a reference to the corresponding input of an automation module is administered for the data sink. The interconnection objects are also independent of the automation objects, which is manifest in the fact that the setting up of an interconnection does not result in any changes in the interconnected automation objects. Because the automation objects in this step are independent of equipment units, the distinction between communication which is internal to an equipment unit



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and intra-equipment unit communication is eliminated here.

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A cycle time of 20 milliseconds is set for the interconnection between automation objects AO2 and AO3 in Figure 2.

Figure 3 shows an exemplary embodiment of an assignment of the automation objects to equipment units. After the automation solution has been created, the automation objects are assigned to equipment units. The equipment units are representatives of real equipment units of the system (such as memory-programmable controllers or drives) in the projection environment. The projection of the equipment units and of the associated networks is carried out separately. The representatives of the equipment units in the projection environment satisfy here a uniform equipment unit model and thus form an abstraction of the real equipment units.

For each automation object it is then determined which equipment unit the automation object will later be executed on in the system. In a graphic editor, this can be implemented by means of drag and drop, for example. Which interconnections represent intra-equipment unit communication and which represent communication which is internal to an equipment unit is only determined as a result of the assignment. In Figure 3, the result of the assignment of the automation objects AO1 and AO2 to G1 and AO3 and AO4 to

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G2 is that the communication between A01 and A02 and also between A03 and A04 is internal to an equipment unit, while the

communication between AO1 and AO3 and as well as between AO2 and AO4 is intra-equipment unit communication.

5 In an effective implementation of the assignment, the data of the equipment units (and networks) and of the respective predefined quality of services can be used in order to carry out a first plausibility check of the respective real-time requirements made of the  
10 automation solution.

Figure 4 shows an exemplary diagram of the downloading of an automation solution into an automation system. The automation solution which has so far been projected  
15 is downloaded into the real system in the last step. This procedure is designated as a download. The download is initiated from the projection environment and is carried out for each equipment unit, to be more precise the representatives of the equipment unit, in  
20 the production environment. Each equipment-unit representative knows its real counterpart in the system and can communicate with it via the communication link of the projection environment to the system. In the first step, the automation objects assigned to each  
25 equipment-unit representative are generated for said representatives [lacuna] the corresponding counterparts in the physical equipment unit. In the case of a freely programmable equipment unit, this means that a corresponding piece of code is downloaded into the  
30 equipment unit. For an equipment unit with a fixed functionality, the corresponding run time counterpart of the automation object in the physical equipment unit is identified. In the second step, the communications relationships described by the interconnections are  
35 established. Here, the addressing of the source and sink of a communications relationship is expanded with corresponding identifiers of the inputs and outputs of the run time automation objects. Such an identifier is composed of the identifiers of the physical equipment

unit, of the run time automation object and of the  
input and output. A common equipment unit model of the  
run time environment is necessary for this. Each  
equipment unit representative then communicates to its  
5 physical counterpart the enhanced interconnections

of its automation objects. On the basis of the interconnection information, each equipment unit then establishes its internal and external communications relationships. The enhanced information of the interconnections is used to do this. In an efficient implementation, use can be made of the fact that each equipment unit has to establish only the communications relationships in which it functions as a source (or alternatively as a sink).

10 In our example, the automation objects AO1 and AO2 are established on the equipment unit physical RG1 as run time automation objects RAO1 and RAO2 and AO3 and AO4 on the equipment unit RG2 as RAO3 and RAO4. The interconnection information is then enhanced, as  
15 described, with corresponding information on the run time environment. For the communications relationship between AO1 and AO3, this information comprises the identifiers of RG1, RAO1, of the output of RAO1 for the source and RG2, RAO3, and the input of RAO3 for the  
20 sink. This information can then be used to set up the corresponding communications relationship between RAO1 on the equipment unit RG1 and RAO3 on the equipment unit RG2.

25 The development of the automation functionality is dissociated from the automation equipment units to be used. As a result, a distinction is no longer made between the projection of communication between automation objects within an equipment unit and  
30 projection onto different equipment units. In the case of intra-equipment unit communication, it is necessary to ensure here that the real-time requirements of the application are complied with. Communications relationships between automation objects are projected  
35 uniformly by means of interconnections. The interconnections can be assigned a specific quality of service by means of which specific properties which are to be fulfilled can be determined for the communications relationship. In particular, in the case



can be set up (and ensured) by the equipment units in question.

This approach provides the following advantages:

- 5    § **uniform projection by means of interconnection:** the projection of the communication between automation objects is carried out in a uniform fashion. The case of intra-equipment unit communication no longer has to be handled separately. Furthermore, the projection can take place independently of the communication content (for example data or events).
- 10   § **less outlay on projection:** in the case of intra-equipment unit projection, the use and projection of special communications modules is eliminated.
- 15   § **more flexible assignment of equipment units:** automation objects can now be assigned to an equipment unit at any time, and/or the assignment can easily be changed.
- 20   § **ease of change:** the explicit procedure of assigning automation objects to equipment units simplifies the use of other target systems/bus systems significantly.



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Patent claims

1. A method for projecting communications relationships within automation solutions, in particular without restriction to boundaries between equipment units, in which

- an automation solution is composed using an engineering system by using automation objects (AO1, AO2, AO3, AO4),

- in each case one interconnection connects an output of an automation object (AO1, AO2, AO3, AO4) to an input of an another automation object (AO1, AO2, AO3, AO4), the interconnection for a data source administering a reference to the corresponding output of an automation module (AO1, AO2, AO3, AO4), and a reference to the corresponding input of an automation module (AO1, AO2, AO3, AO4) for a data sink, and

- after the creation of the automation solution, the automation objects (AO1, AO2, AO3, AO4) are assigned to physical equipment units (RG1, RG2) of a real system, and which interconnections represent intra-equipment unit communications relationships and which represent communications relationships within an equipment unit is only determined as a result of the assignment.

2. The method as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the interconnections can be assigned a quality of service by means of which specific properties which are to be fulfilled can be defined for the communications relationships.

3. The method as claimed in claim 1 or 2, characterized in that the projected automated solution is downloaded by means of a download into the real system by means of a download, the download being

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carried out for each equipment-unit representative (G1,  
G2) in the projection environment, and each

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equipment-unit representative (G1, G2) being able to communicate with the physical equipment unit (RG1, RG2) in the system via a communications link.

5 4. The method as claimed in claim 3,  
wherein, in the first step of the download, the  
corresponding run time automation objects (RAO1, RAO2,  
RAO3, RAO4) in the physical equipment unit (RG1, RG2)  
are generated for each equipment-unit representative  
10 (G1, G2) for the automation objects (AO1, AO2, AO3,  
AO4) which are assigned to it, and the communications  
links described by the interconnections are established  
in the second step.

15 5. The method as claimed in claim 3 or 4,  
characterized in that the interconnections are enhanced  
with information relating to the real system,  
addressing of the source and sink of a communications  
relationship being expanded with identifiers  
20 - of the physical equipment unit (RG1, RG2),  
- of the run time automation objects (RAO1, RAO2,  
RAO3, RAO4) and  
- of the inputs and outputs of the run time automation  
objects (RAO1, RAO2, RAO3, RAO4).

25 6. The method as claimed in one of claims 3 to 5,  
characterized in that each equipment-unit  
representative (G1, G2) communicates to its physical  
counterpart (RG1, RG2) the enhanced interconnections of  
30 its automation objects (AO1, AO2, AO3, AO4) and each  
equipment unit (RG1, RG2) establishes its internal and  
external communications relationships on the basis of  
the interconnection information.

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7. The method as claimed in one of claims 3 to 6,  
characterized in that each equipment unit (G1, G2)  
establishes only the communications relationships in  
which it functions as a source (or alternatively as a  
5 sink).

8. The method as claimed in one of the preceding  
claims,  
characterized in that the setting up of an  
10 interconnection does not cause any changes in the  
automation objects (AO1, AO2, AO3, AO4).

9. The method as claimed in one of the preceding  
claims,  
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representatives (G1, G2) in the projection environment  
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abstraction of the real equipment units (RG1, RG2).

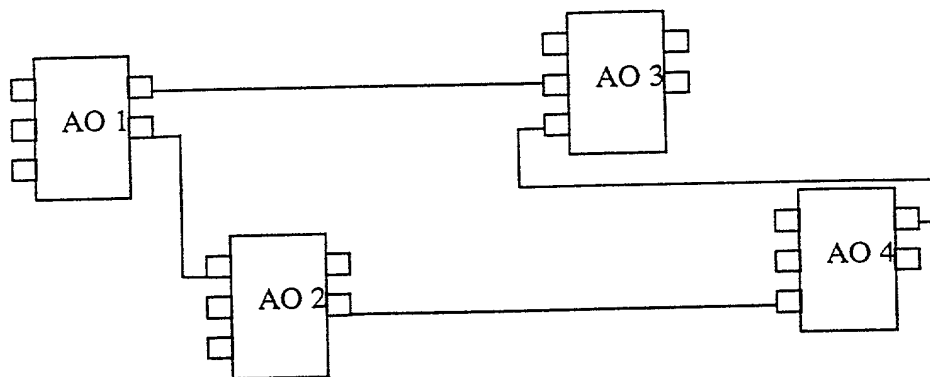


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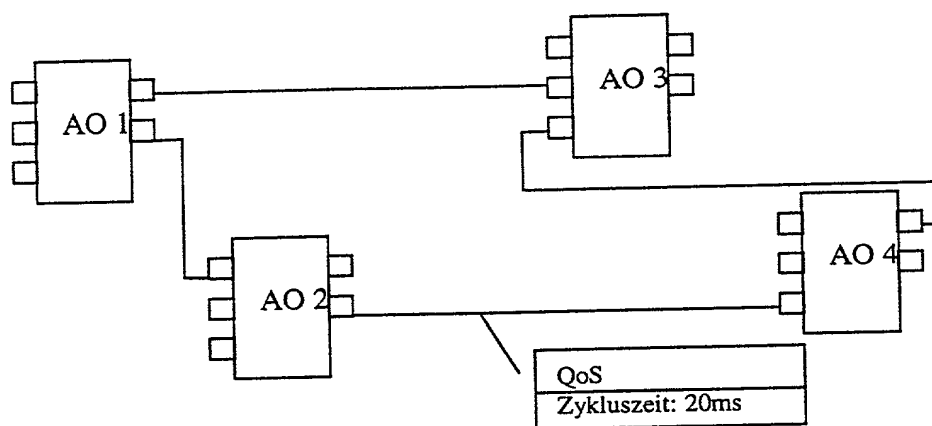
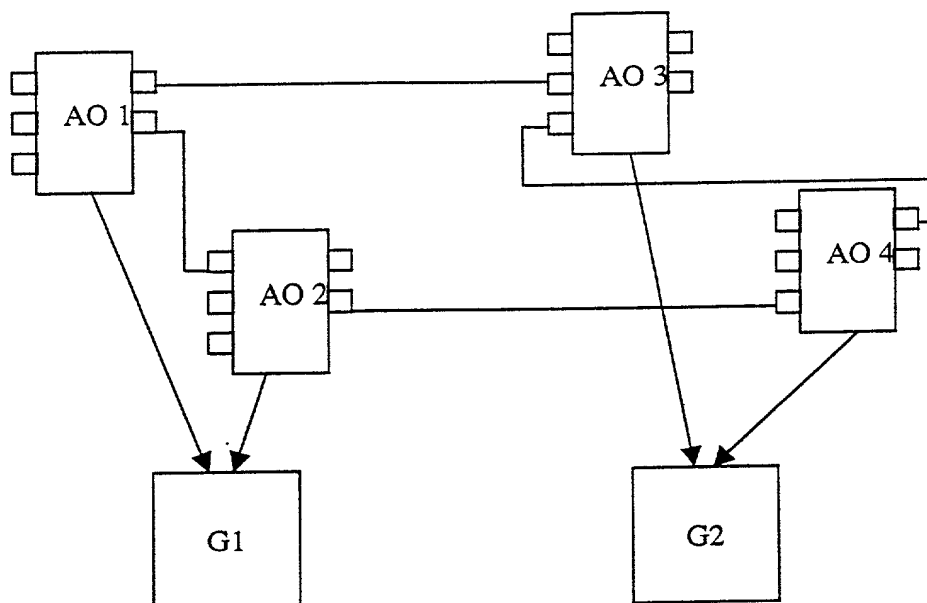


Fig. 2

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**Fig. 3**

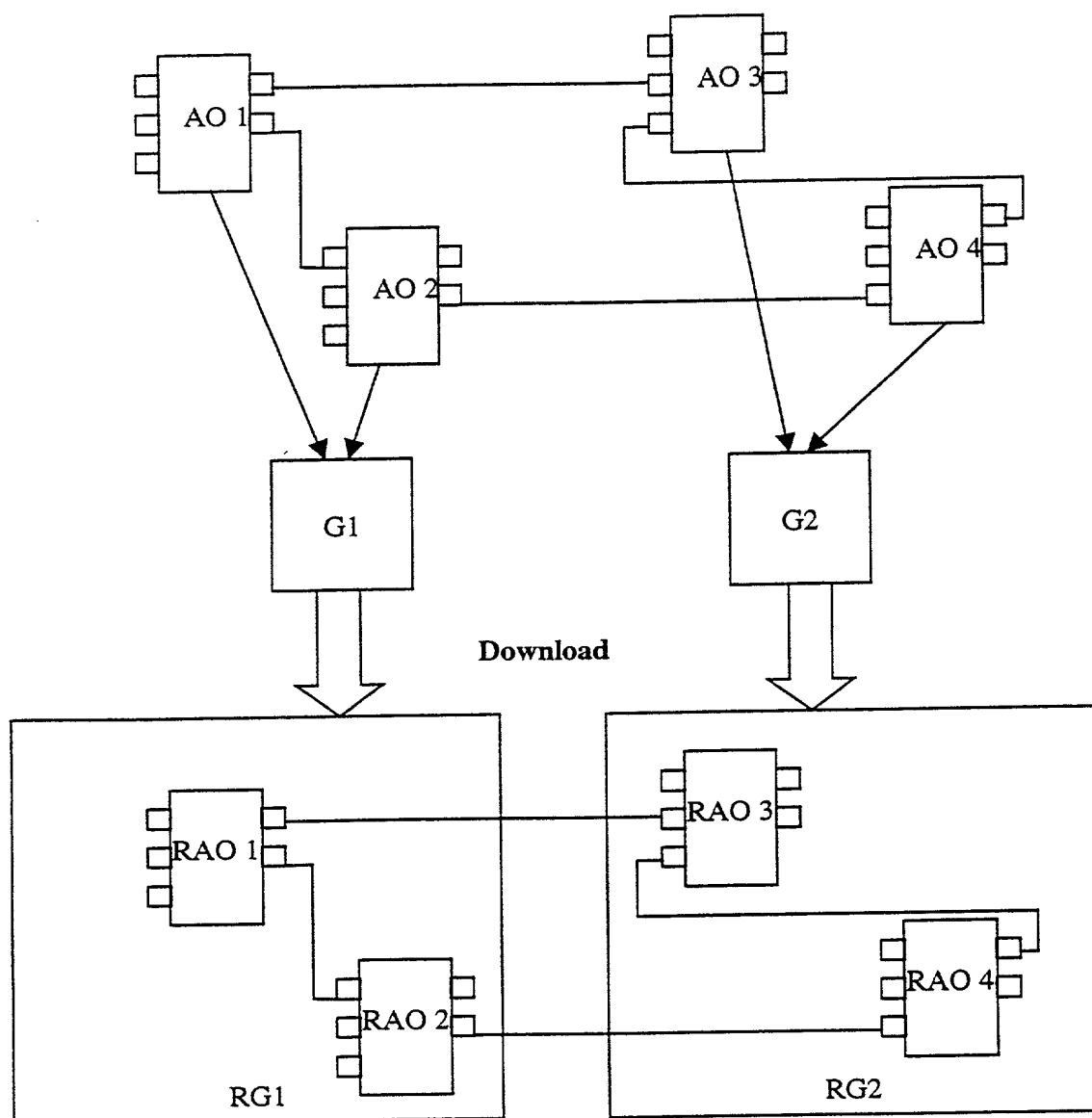


Fig. 4



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For: METHOD FOR IMPLICITLY CONFIGURING  
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Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

January 2, 2002

Sir:

Under 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b), the undersigned hereby states that the below-named Assignee is  
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# Declaration and Power of Attorney For Patent Application

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